

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A device for ascertaining and displaying at least one physical, chemical, or biological property of a test liquid or for detecting substances and/or organisms contained therein by reaction with at least one indicator or reactant, said device comprising: at least one deep-drawn cup-shaped element delimiting at least one reaction chamber and an indicator chamber external to said reaction chamber, said reaction chamber having at least one inlet opening for the test liquid; a covering film closing said element; and an indicator or reactant stored in said indicator chamber, wherein said reaction chamber is interposed between said inlet opening and said indicator chamber such that the test liquid can be drawn into said reaction chamber prior to being brought into contact with said indicator or reactant.

17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein at least one of the shape and material properties of said reaction chamber is selected such that a temporary

reduction of the initial volume of said reaction chamber followed by a restoration of the initial volume generates a restoring effect such that the original shape of said reaction chamber is at least essentially restored, generating a suction action within said reaction chamber.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the restoring effect is attained by the choice of the shape and properties of the material of said deep-drawn cup-shaped element.

19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said indicator or reactant is a test strip stored in said indicator chamber.

20. (Previously presented) The device of claim 19, wherein said test strip is a litmus test strip.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said indicator or reactant is at least one liquid that is kept in readiness in said indicator chamber, and said

indicator chamber can be made to communicate with said reaction chamber.

24. (Currently amended) A device for ascertaining and displaying at least one physical, chemical, or biological property of a test liquid or for detecting substances and/or organisms contained therein by reaction with at least one indicator or reactant, said device comprising: at least one deep-drawn cup-shaped element delimiting at least one reaction chamber and at least one indicator chamber, said at least one reaction chamber having at least one inlet opening for the test liquid; a covering film closing said element; and an indicator or reactant within said at least one indicator chamber, wherein said at least one reaction chamber is interposed between said inlet opening and said at least one indicator chamber such that the test liquid can be drawn into said at least one reaction chamber prior to being brought into contact with said indicator or reactant, said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film have a peelable zone interposed between said at least one reaction chamber and said at least one indicator chamber, said peelable zone providing, between said at least one reaction chamber and said at least one indicator chamber, a seal that is breakable to bring the test liquid into contact with the indicator or reactant.

25. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said indicator or reactant is at least one solid that is kept in readiness in said indicator chamber, and the test liquid has access to said indicator chamber, or the test liquid can reach said reaction chamber from said indicator chamber.

26. (Previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film have a peelable zone interposed between said reaction chamber and said indicator chamber, said peelable zone providing, between said reaction chamber and said indicator chamber, a seal that is breakable to bring the test liquid into contact with the indicator or reactant.

27. (Previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein said indicator or reactant is in the form of a tablet.

28. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said device has a peripheral region at which said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film are joined together, and said peripheral region has at least one

of recesses and indentations that allow said device to be set upright or hung up.

29. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, further comprising at least one information-carrying medium in the immediate vicinity of said indicator or reactant or of said reaction chamber, wherein said medium shows the possible states of said indicator or reactant after reaction with the test liquid.

30. (Previously presented) The device of claim 29, wherein said information-carrying medium shows the colors of said indicator or reactant after reaction with the test liquid.

31. (Previously presented) The device of claim 29, wherein said device further comprises a further deep-drawn cup-shaped element that borders on said reaction chamber, and said information-carrying medium is a comparison test strip disposed in said further deep-drawn cup-shaped element.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein: said device further comprises a breakaway tip that can be broken away to expose said inlet opening, said tip is joined to said reaction chamber; and said device further has a line of weakened material between said tip and said reaction chamber.

34. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein: said at least one reaction chamber comprises two reaction chambers; said indicator chamber comprises two indicator chambers, each containing an indicator or reactant; said device defines a common conduit through which said two reaction chambers can communicate; and said device further has a line of weakened material between said two reaction chambers to allow said device to be broken in order to form respective inlet openings to said two reaction chambers.

35. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said inlet opening is formed by a stamped-out feature, and said device further comprises an adhesive film covering said inlet opening.

36. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein: said at least one reaction chamber comprises two

reaction chambers; said indicator chamber comprises two indicator chambers, each containing an indicator or reactant; said device defines a common conduit through which said two reaction chambers can communicate; and said device further has a line of weakened material between said two reaction chambers to allow said device to be broken in order to form respective inlet openings to said two reaction chambers.

37. (New) The device of claim 24, wherein said at least one indicator chamber is external to said at least one reaction chamber.